(b) if so, what is the rationality of price controlling of Pyrimethamine Sulphadoxine;

(c) whether the production of both these drugs requires encouragement;

(d) what are the reasons for discrimination against this drug; and

(e) what steps are being taken to remove the discrimination and by when the results would be known?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. NAMGYAL): (a) to (e) Timolol has not been price decontrolled. This was shifted from Category I to Category II as per the recommendations contained in the Supplementary report of the Kelkar Committee who made the recommendation after considering the various representations received in this regard.

Drugs excluded from Category-I

@1361. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all the drugs required for the National Health Programme were not recommended for inclusion in Category-I;

(b) whether it is a fact that due to this, several drugs required for National Health Programme are outside price control;

(c) what are the names of such drugs, formulations and whether decontrol has pushed up their prices beyond the reach of common man;

(d) what are the present prices of finished medicines used for National Health Programme the price of each before DPCO, 1987 and what is the percentage change in each case; and

(e) what steps have been taken to review the list of drugs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. NAMGYAL): (a), (b) and (e) The drugs included under Category-I of DPCO, 1987 are based on the recommendation of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

(c) As per the provision of DPCO, 1987, the manufacturers of decontrolled drugs determine the prices themselves. However, the Government is keeping a watch and has intervened wherever found necessary.

(d) Details of prices of finished medicines used for National Health Programme are not readily available.

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@@1362. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 101 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd May, 1989 and state:

(a) what are the constituents of Oral Rehydration Salts and whether those are bulk drugs under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940;

(b) what are the reasons for not listing them in Category-I;

(c) whether it is a fact that one producer controls over 80 per cent of the market and the price charged by him is 5 times the normal fair price;

@Previously Unstarred Question 846 transferred from the 25th July, 1989.

@@Previously Unstarred Question 851 transferred from the 25th July, 1989.